

Legal Services

What does this program do?

The Division of Legal Services (DLS) provides comprehensive legal support to all program and support divisions in the department. This includes litigation, administrative hearings, investigations and the State Technical Assistance Team (STAT).

What is the authorization for this program?

State Statutes: Chapters 58, 194, 205, 207, 208, 210, 211, 219, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 473, 621, 660 RSMo.; Federal: Medicaid 42 USC Chapter 7 subchapter XIX, Section 1396; 20 CFR 404 1001-1096; 1501-1675 subchapter 8(1,2); 42 CFR 440-441,483; 45 CFR 205 and 206; TANF 45 CFR 233, 261, 262; 7 CFR 273.15; 7 CFR 273.16(e); 45 CFR 303.101; 45 CFR 302.50; 45 CFR 302.70 (2); 45 CFR 303.8(B); 45 CFR 303.100; 45 CFR 303.105; 7 CFR Section 273.18; 42 CFR Section 456.3(a); CFR Section 456.1-456.23; 42 USC Section 5106a; 42 USC Sections 670-680.

Is this a federally mandated program?

Yes, in some areas. DLS performs administrative hearings for the following federally mandated programs: Medicaid, TANF, Food Stamps and Child Support. DLS provides investigation services for food stamp fraud, claims and restitution and Medicaid fraud. The litigation section manages cases related to Medicaid utilization, child protection and permanency planning in the areas of foster care, adoption and reunification.

Are there federal matching requirements?

Federal matching requirements depend on the program DLS is supporting. For example, expenditures related to seeking permanency for children in the care and custody of the Children's Division could be eligible for the IV-E administrative match of 50% federal\50% state.

What are the expenditures?

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Planned
GR	\$2,117,145	\$1,987,434	\$1,584,141	\$1,630,039
FEDERAL	\$3,884,962	\$3,486,129	\$3,386,035	\$3,218,534
OTHER	\$845,861	\$519,905	\$695,003	\$875,298
TOTAL	\$6,847,968	\$5,993,468	\$5,935,179	\$5,723,871

What are the sources of other funds?

Third Party Liability Fund and Child Support Enforcement Collections

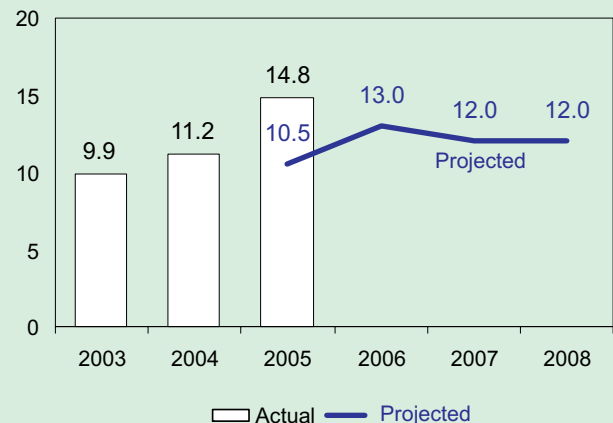
How many staff are budgeted for this program?

Budgeted Staff

FY-2003	169
FY-2004	150
FY-2005	145
FY-2006	142

Efficiency and Effectiveness Measure:

Average Number of Months in Custody From Date Assigned to an Attorney to Date of Goal Reached



Note: New measure established during FY 2005; no projections were established in past years.